

they?" I said. "Oh, onions and solemn tunes," he said.

When we were bound home in one of the mail steam ships he was eating some cake and said, "Mother, I am eating chicken." "No," I said, "that is not true." "Yes it is," said he. "Didn't you tell me that there were eggs in this cake?" "Yes," said I. "Well, didn't you tell me there was chicken?"

He was playing with his little cousin and he said: "Come, Florrie, let's eat all grand ma's mincepies; then I will put on a tail

Gould." J. B.
Plymouth, Dec. 6.

White Wings.

her grandma asked her what she was doing she said: "I was spreading out my white wings to sail home to thee." R. F.

BRIC-A-BRAC.

Upon a Winter Morning.
[Maybury Fleming in Scribner's Magazine.]
When hoary frost doth shroud the grass,
And bare death sitteth in the trees,
And life is come to sorry pass,
As a sad heart's a body,

Then think I of my lady's mood,
And of the violet in her eyes:
So rose and fell the wind and moon,
And death, by thinking of her, dies.

Content vs. Discontent.
(A. R. W. in February Century.)
One, satisfied with what he said he'd leave—
'Twas not a corner lot—serenely meant
Never to wander from her humble cot,
And she, contented with his sweet content,
And one, dissatisfied with all he had,
Kovvel from his place into the world's mad whirl,
What did he find? Well, it was not so bad—
The fellow found that cottage and that girl.

Jaquemino.
[Bessie Chandler in American Magazine.]
Who is there now knows aquat of his story?
What's left of him but a name?—
Of him who sailed in Neapolitan glory,
And dreamed that his sword had won him his
fame!

Little did Jacqueminot suppose.
 At Antelope on Mosquito burning,
 That his name would rest in the heart of a rose!

The Point of View.
 (Life.)

"By Jove," says young Wildcass, "these girls are s
 stuning."
 To wed at least half of them I am inclined;
 But, although I'm not lacking in courage or cour
 aging.

This deuced proposition's not easy, I find."
 "It's as easy as lying," old Doxie declares,
 "When a fellow's on sentiment's summit;
 The difficult thing in my social campaigns
 Is how in the world to keep from it."

The Organ Grinder.
 (The Other Side of the Question.)
 (E. W. S. in Life.)

I bore it with exasperation,
 That organ grinders' din:
Most dismal sound in all creation,
 A music that's a gain!

But when I went with spirit groaning,

He stayed his crank, and stared in wonder,
Indignant: cap-a-pie;
"It makes you guess, does it? Thunder!
What a day of *me!*"

A Day in Winter.
[*Orville Key* *lives* in February, *Key*.]
How could one live through a day like this.
Sweet: were one not with his books or in love?
I am both;—and I have the dear bliss
Of lovers who have no faith to prove,
Of readers who have no task for heeding,
But read from the sheer, sweet love of reading.
The sun is dead, and the clouds hang low,
And the wind whistles in the trees. What thought?
My life is fail, in my heart I know
"It is only endurance keepeth the kiss"
On thy lips from mine,
On my lips from thine;
No task to learn, no faith to prove—
Oh, how could one live through a day like this.

Why Is It?
(Maude Annals, Andrews in Pack.)
We spent the summer by the sea,
Together gaily swam and flirted;
Her lissome limbs from toe to knee,
Were freely left to tickle unskirted.
But, if her buttocks were ever slipped,
A cluster of snowy shoulders showed,
He'd quickly pin the place that riving,
While blushes on her face were glowing.
Tonight I took her to the ball.
She cometh down—dread dream elysian;
As bare as Eve's before the fall;
Her shoulders are, a lovely vision.
Enchanted, I gaze from foot to foot—
Beneath her soft skirts' silly laces
There peeps a dainty little boot;
She draws it back—how red her face is!

Mabel.
[Clinton Scollard.]
I wonder, just a tiny bit
As I see Mabel thoughtful sit
Beside the table

What she would do, she didn't know.
If I should steal from her a kiss;
To me it would be perfect bliss—
But what to Mabel?

Her ear is pink as mother pearl.

Is straying vagrant;
 Her silken lashes curve a-down
 And veil her eyes of bonnie brown—
 The perfume from her dainty gown
 Is faintly fragrant.

How easy round her chair to slip
 And kiss her tempting ruby lip!
 Yet—would I rue it?
 What is that saying, apt, tho' old?
 A winning knight must needs be bold!
 And maiden Mabel could not scold,
 I think I'll do it.

Love on Skates.

* [TOWN TOPICS].
 At graceful Gracie skaters stare,
 To see her cut and figure rare—
 Herself the finest figure there—
 So captivating;
 And I, entranced, beheld her glide
 Over the icy surface wide,
 Evoking plaudits from each side,
 As she went skating.
 My pace, compared to hers, was slow,
 But patience brought me forward, we know—
 I reached her, and in accents low
 And hesitating,
 I murmured, "Daring it may seem
 To ask such happiness supreme."

Shall we go skating?"

She blushed, but didn't seem afraid;
A smile upon her features played,
A pensive smile, as if the maid
Was meditating.

And then she spoke, "But tell me all—
Your income's large?" "I answered, "Small,"
"Ah, then," she laughed, "for fear we fall,
We won't go skating!"

Disillusion.

[S. D. S., Jr., in Life.]

Upon the porch, this evening late,

The daffies a ending
Our converse lightlike and flows,
Our hands may touch, perhaps, who know?
I only see the blush that glows,
Its beauty lendiz.

And then my arm about her waist
Is placed exactly to my taste,
Without objection—
Except a wriggle now and then,
Especially at moments when
The movements of our fellow-men
Forbade inspection.

I whisper to her as I lean,
Sly sentences that little mean,

She answers not, but quite content,
 Her head against his shoulder bent,
 She seems on every word intent,
 And—slumbers sweetly.

I take my rights, and with a kiss,
 I rouse her gently, while in bliss
 She murmurs "Harry!"
 My pleasure's spoiled. It now would seem
 I've furnished matter for a dream,
 Of which another gets the dream—
 No more I'll tarry.

The dowdy maiden I awake;
 Her's left, as hasty leave I take,
 All unprotected.

I haven't found Miss Ingenue
So very "fresh," and "green," and "new,"
As I expected.

OUR NATION.

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John Jay and His Mission to England.

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CHAPTER II.

[WRITTEN BY GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND.]

AGAINST his desire and his private interests, President Washington was persuaded to take a second term of office, and was again unanimously elected, the number of electoral votes running up to 130 by the addition of new States and through there was a contest for the presidency, John Adams was re-elected to that office by 77 votes, Governor George Clinton of New York receiving 50.

It is the opinion of many students of our history that Washington made a personal mistake when he yielded to the pressure and ran for a second term, and, frequently since, candidates like Greeley, Hayes and Cleveland have made the issue that one term was the proper limit. Had the president retired on the first of the even-numbered years—he would have saved himself much trouble, and perhaps the afflictions of his second term recommend his human character to us more than all the rest of his life, for it shows us a man of sensibility, so susceptible of the influence of his friends, that the trouble of any other character, and yet none of his opponents or critics ever found him wanting in courage and justice.

He commenced his term at the age of 61. He had the same cabinet as at the commencement, with the addition of a postmaster-general, Timothy Pickens, an old Massachusetts soldier who was settled in the State of South Carolina, and who, near the close of the first year of the second term, and Hamilton remained in office nearly two years of this term, going out nearly at the same time with Secretary of War.

Thereupon Colonel Pickens was made the war minister, Oliver Wolcott of Connecticut the secretary of the treasury, with the duties of which he had been familiar from the outset, and Joseph Habersham of Georgia was made the postmaster-general. These changes are mentioned here that they may not be required in the course of the narrative of this eventful term.

Nearly all the events of Washington's first term had been domestic, such as the formation of new political divisions in the West and South and the passage of laws and institutions, in which the president as a signer of all acts and his cabinet the originator of many of them, held a large part.

But the French revolution had now reached that stage when its collisions affected the whole world; and though our republic seemed very far separated from France, the great war on the continent, yet all kinds of European refugees were hastening to our shores, and American commerce had become our most extensive interest, and this was the case in 1793, when France was at war with England, and in 1794, when the Jacobins had taken possession of the National Convention, and treated all other political states as subjects for agitation and revolution.

The Americans were divided into two parties. The Federalists regarded the executions and massacres in Paris and other cities of France as evidence of hideous depravity. France possessed, right at our western border a large colony called by the general

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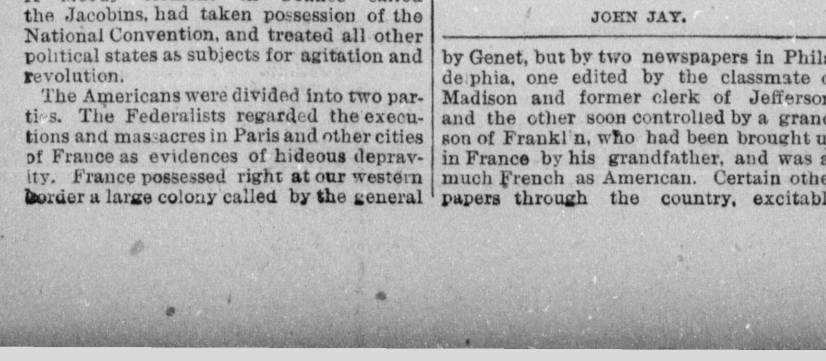
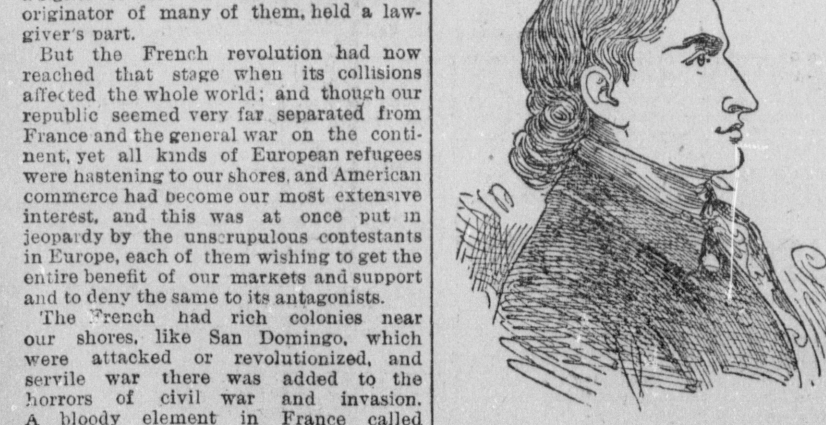
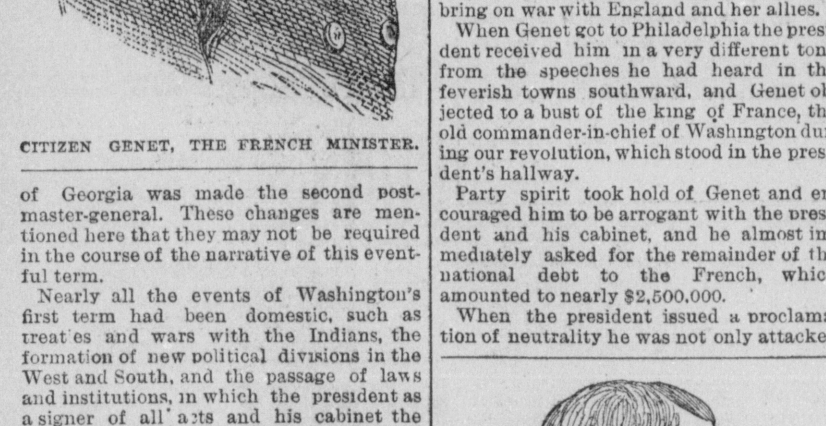
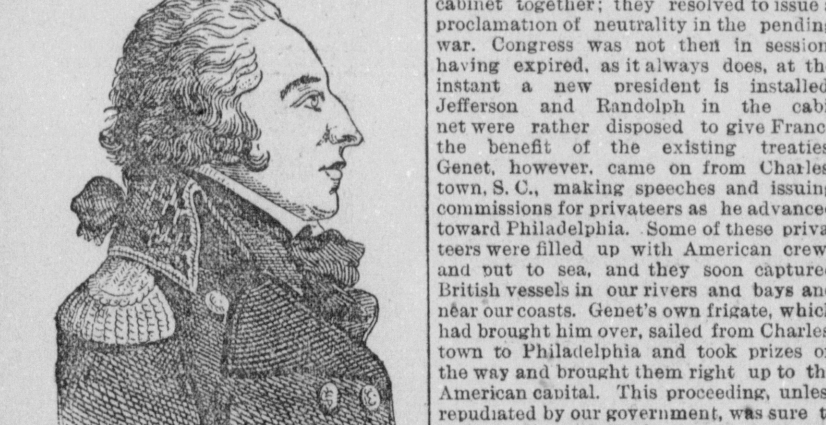
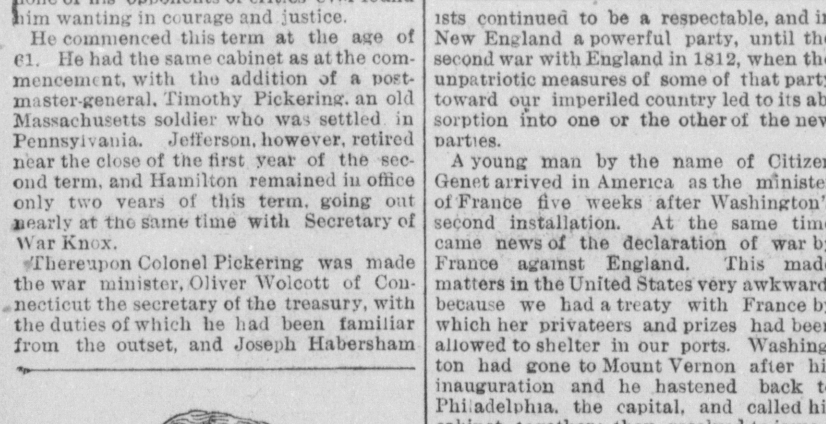
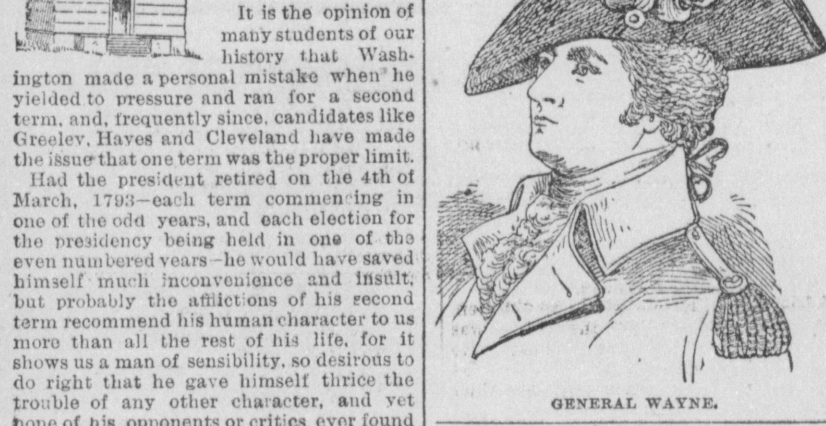
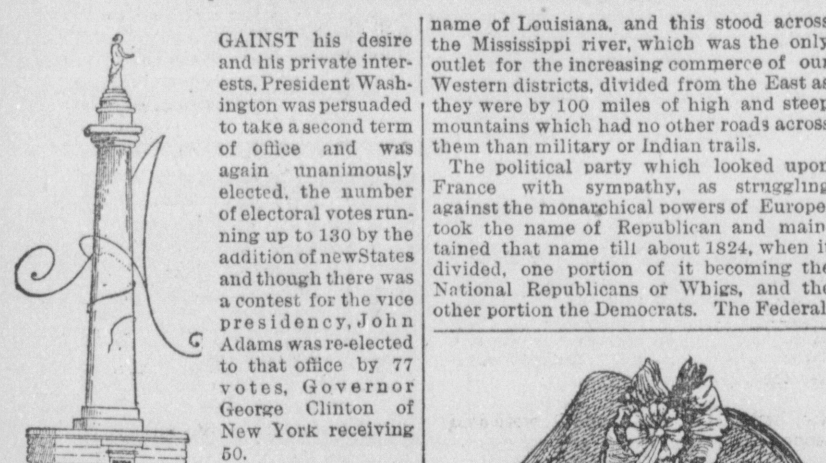
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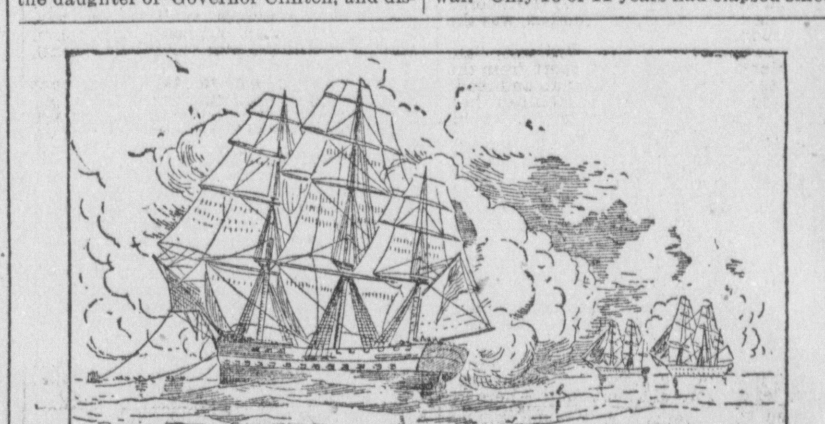
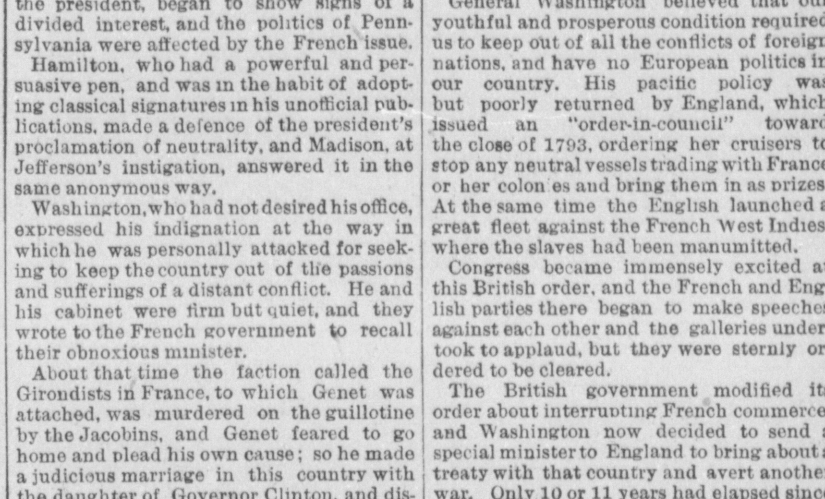
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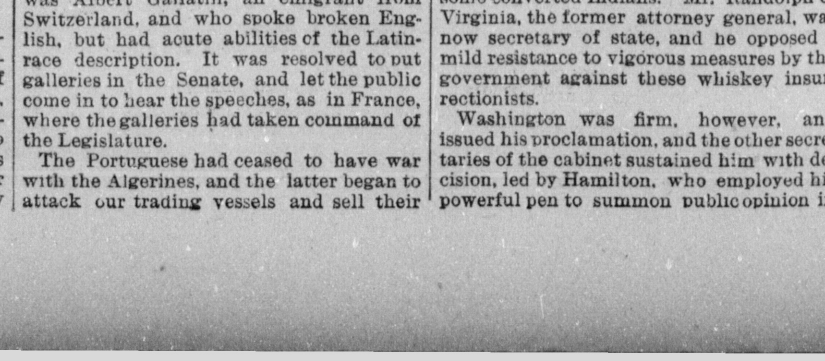
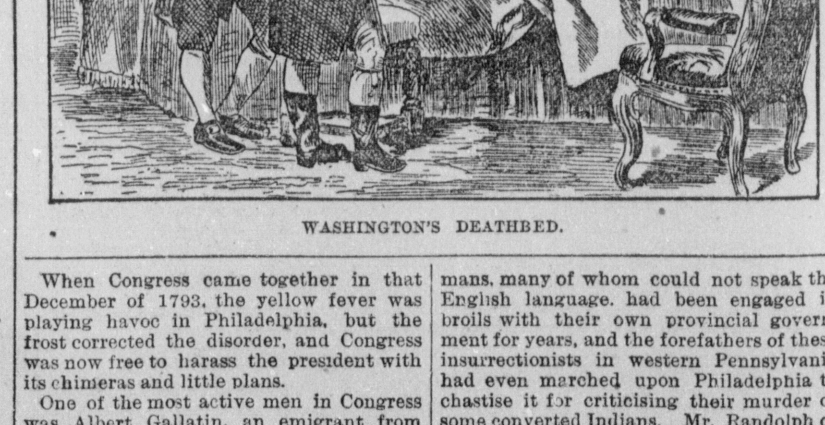
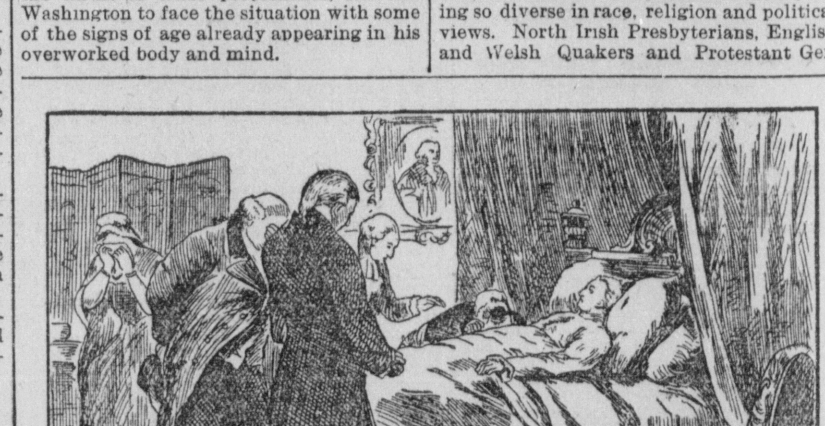
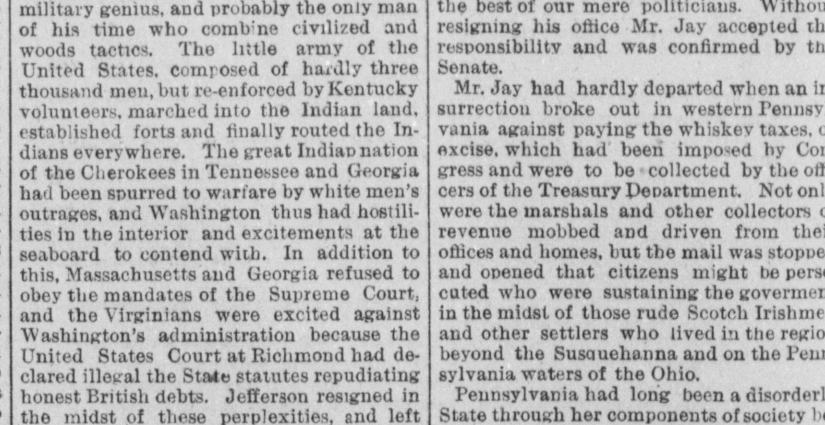
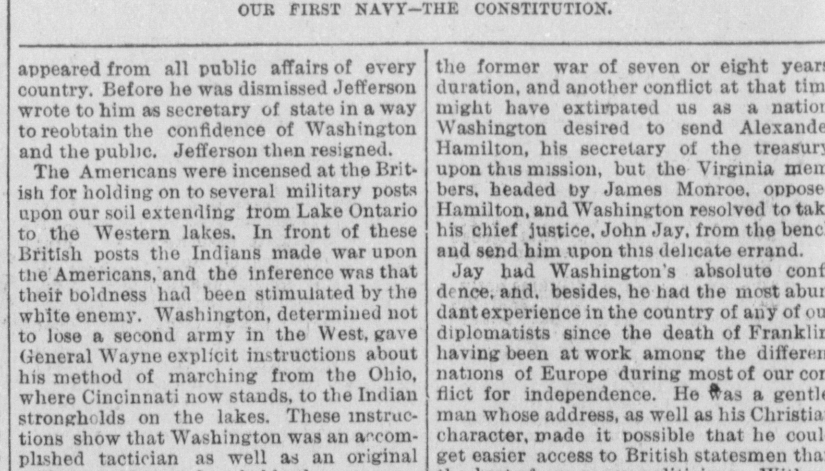
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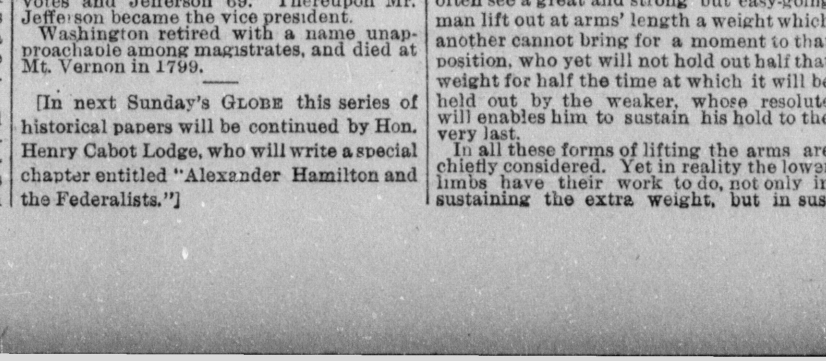
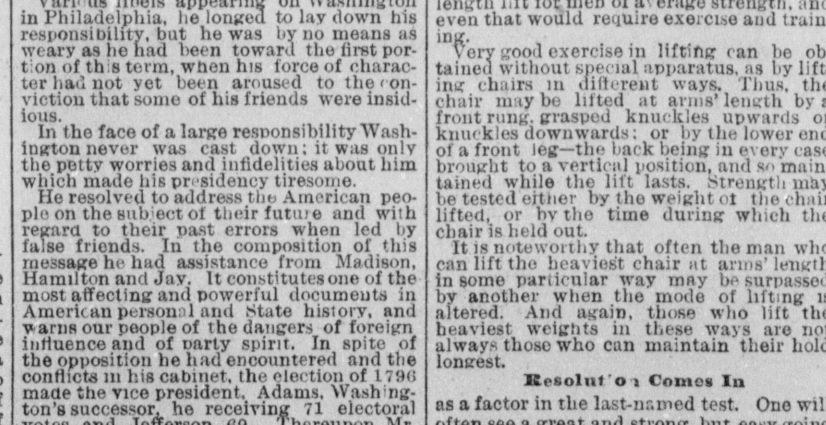
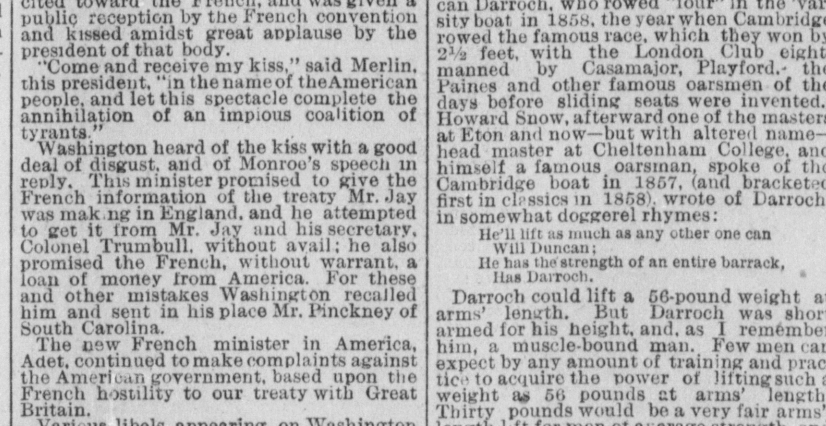
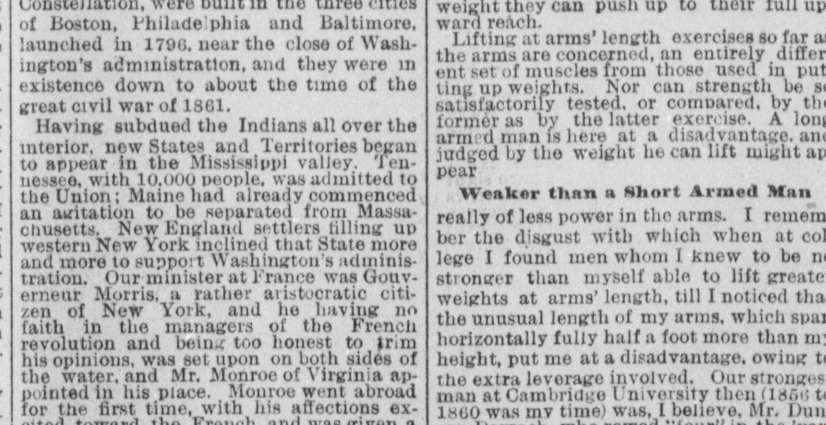
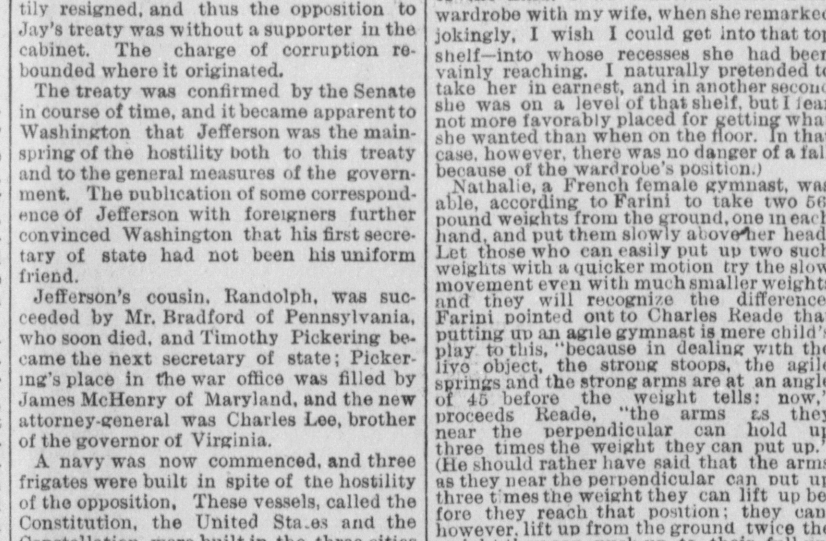
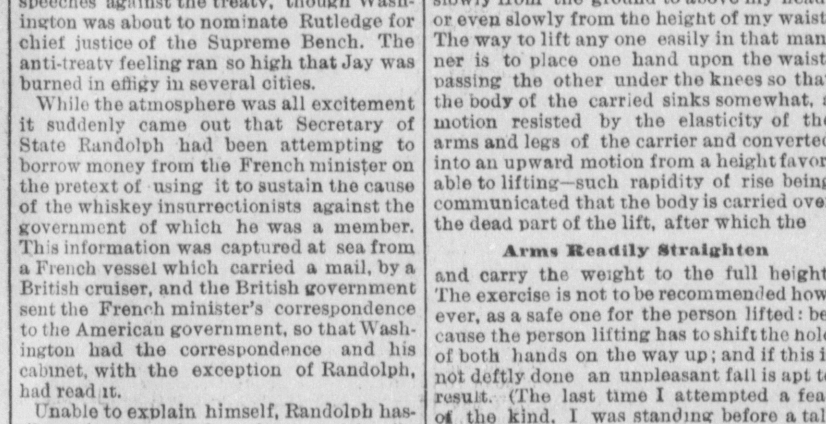
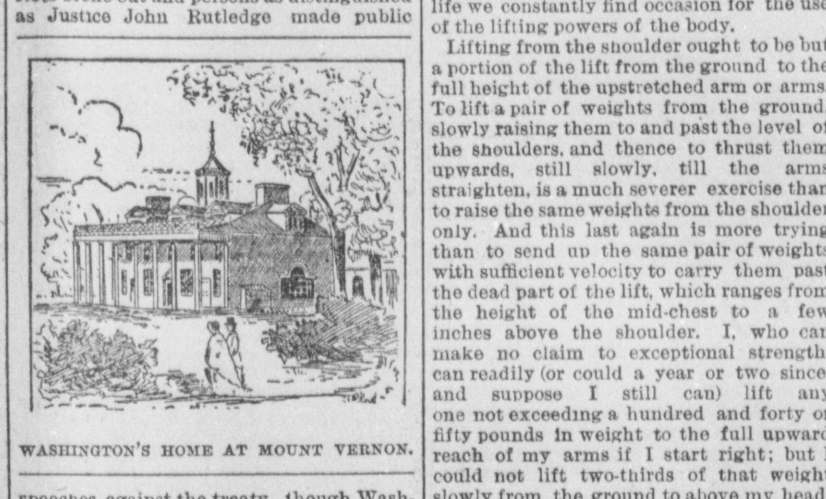
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HIS MISTAKE.

(H. W. in New York News.)

"It's this making a mistake in spite of himself that I don't like. Why the deuce couldn't I be allowed the privilege of deceiving myself? Uncle George saying she might fancy me is sheer nonsense. I mean she is a good deal of a snob. What are you laughing at, Lu?"

"Did I laugh? I beg pardon then, Cousin Dolly. I really wasn't aware of it. I'm such a giggler, you know."

"You say she was as homely as a stone wall the last time you saw her?"

"Well, yes; but that was when we left school, nearly four years ago. She may have grown handsome since, as he calls her. He is only eight years my senior; but to hear him advise me, one would take him to be my grandfather."

"You are forgetting yourself, my dear Dolly. What do you suppose would ever come of my Uncle George marrying her? Fancy those shapely, delicate hands earring your daily bread and butter, or the bread without?"

"For heaven's sake, Lu, do hush!" and Mr. Adolphus blushed and sank back again. "There was a merry twinkle in Lu's clear, blue eyes, as she pretended not to notice the look of dismay that settled on the face of her easy, elegant, comely cousin; and she continued:

"I often wonder, though, why George doesn't marry. He is so handsome, so charming, but I suppose, like all you spoiled darlings have too much heart to despise so many for the sake of one. Well, upon my word, did you say all that you meant? I think, sir, if you had left your conceit in the city there would be nothing but of you to present to Miss Neville today."

"Miss Neville be hanged! Always Miss Neville!" and Mr. Adolphus started up from his easy position. "Do you really believe she is coming today, Lu? I don't know. I don't know; so much force is not coming. You'll spoil your style if you are not more careful. Why, even now, she is surely coming today, she ought to have been here two hours ago; we expected her by the early train."

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Lifting exercises are open to the objection that they tend only to increase the strength of the body, activity not being increased by any of them. A man who follows lifting will only be a slow mover, and what Blakie calls "muscle-bound," meaning that the muscles themselves, by their undue or disproportionate development, limit the play of limb. Without agreeing with him that the full degree of lissomeness which can be attained by exercises of this kind is desirable, we must admit that a muscle-bound condition is disadvantageous. Yet lifting exercise, pursued with due consideration of the necessity for an adequate amount of correcting exercise, is not only useful, because in our daily life we constantly find occasion for the use of the lifting powers of the body.

